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1. JULY 2 PREVUE PRESS CONFERENCE ON 20TH KARLOVY VARY INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL WAS A NON-EVENT. MOST QUESTIONS AND INFORMATION WAS DEVOTED TO SCHEDULING MATTERS WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN APPARENT HAD PRINTED PROGRAM OF FESTIVAL EVENTS BEEN FORTHCOMING. (IT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED DAY BEFORE FESTIVAL OPENS).

2. DR. JIRI PURS, FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN, TOLD 8-PERSON PRESS THAT 33 REGULAR FULL-LENGTH FEATURES WILL BE ENTERED IN TWO-WEEK FESTIVAL, PLUS 20 FILMS IN THE "INFORMATIONAL" CATEGORY, AND 16 WORKS BY NEW FILM MAKERS. A TOTAL OF 56 COUNTRIES WILL BE REPRESENTED.

3. ONLY INTERNATIONAL NAME LISTED AS ATTENDING FOR SURE WAS ROBERTO ROSSELLINI, WHO WILL INTRODUCE AN ITALIAN TV SERIES HE DID ON THE LIFE OF KARL MARX. NATIONAL FILM COMMISSIONERS FROM INDIA AND ADEN AMONG OTHER VIPS, PLUS A HANDFUL OF SOVIET NATIONAL ARTISTS.

4. AMERICAN FILMS INCLUDE "ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN" IN UNOFFICIAL OUT-OF- COMPETITION CLASS, AND "THE PARALLAX VIEW" IN INFORMATIONAL CATEGORY. JURY MEMBER TOLD PAO THERE WOULD BE NO MAJOR NEW FILMS SHOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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5. POLITICAL SLANT TO THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL, IN ADDITION TO STANDARD

THEME OF PROMOTING FILMS AND ENCOURAGING NEW FILM TALENT FROM THIRD WORLD, WILL BE A MORNING OF SHORT DOCUMENTARIES DEVOTED TO SOLIDARITY WITH CHILEAN PEOPLE. PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE CZECHOSLOVAK, SOVIET, AND A FRENCH-BULGARIAN COPRODUCTION WORKS SCREENED DURING FESTIVAL'S THIRD MORNING.

6. THERE WILL ALSO BE A FREE TRIBUNE FOR AUTHORS, CRITICS, JOURNALISTS AND PRODUCERS TO DISCUSS "THE MISSION OF THE CINEMATOGRAPHIC ART IN THE PRESENT FIGHT FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS AND PEACE.

7. ALTHOUGH HEAD OF MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICE TOLD AMBASSADOR AND PAO ON JUNE 28 HE WOULD INQUIRE INTO STATUS OF OUR DISCUSSION OF INVITING FRANK CAPRA FOR A RETROSPECTIVE UNDER EMBASSX SPONSORSHIP, NO FURTHER INFORMATION WAS FORTHCOMING, WLD THE ISSUE IS DEAD. ONLY AMERICANS KNOWN TO ATTEND WILL BE COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES IN UNOFFICIAL CAPACITY:0 PLUS - WRITER FROM VARIETY MAGAZINE.

8. VDMMECJ: WHILE FESTIVAL IS BILLED A CATEGORY A INTERNATIONAL ONE, ADVANCE INDICATIONS ARE THAT NOT MUCH WILL BE HAPPENING AT IT.
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